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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF COINS AND EXCAVATED

- GOLD ARTIFACTS

1. DR. ANGELITA G. LEGARDA, NUMISMATIC CONSULTANT OF THE CENTRAL BANK, HAS WRITTEN TO THE EMBASSY INQUIRING ABOUT A NEW LAW SHE UNDERSTANDS HAS BEEN PASSED IN THE U.S. ON BRINGING IN ARCHEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS.

2. THE CENTRAL BANK IS PUTTING ON A NUMISMATIC EXHIBIT IN ACAPULCO, MEXICO THIS COMING SEPTEMBER. THE EXHIBIT WILL INCLUDE PRE-HISPANIC POTTERY AND EXCAVATED GOLD ARTIFACTS. MOST OF THE MATERIAL WILL BE SENT BY AIR FREIGHT DIRECTLY FROM MANILA TO MEXICO.

3. HOWEVER, DR. LEGARDA IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXCAVATED GOLD ARTIFACTS WHICH HER TWO ASSISTANTS, MESSRS. ANTONIO M. DEL MUNDO AND DOMINGO A. ARCOS, JR. WILL BE CARRYING WITH THE COINS TO MEXICO. THEY WILL BE PASSING THROUGH U.S. CUSTOMS IN HONOLULU BOTH TO AND FROM MEXICO, AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE SURE THEY ENCOUNTER NO DIFFICULTIES. THEY WILL BE CARRYING DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CENTRAL BANK WITH AUTHORIZATION. THEY WILL ALSO BE TRAVELLING WITH OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

4. IF THERE IS NEED FOR ANY OTHER PROCEDURES OR DOCU-  
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MENTS TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH U.S. CUSTOMS, SHE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR LETTING HER KNOW, AND HOPEFULLY, HELPING THEM OUT WITH WHATEVER MAY BE NECESSARY. THE TWO GENTLEMEN WILL BE LEAVING MANILA ON SEPTEMBER 1 ON PR 106 FROM MANILA TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA HONOLULU, STAYING OVERNIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO AND CATCHING A WESTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT TO MEXICO THE FOLLOWING DAY, SEPTEMBER 2. THEY WILL BE

RETURNING FROM MEXICO, SEPTEMBER 23 GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU ON THEIR WAY BACK HOME.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY OF ANY SPECIAL PROCEDURES OR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO FACILITATE TRANSIT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF SUBJECT ARTICLES.  
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